

REMARKS

By this Amendment the abstract has been shortened in length as required, claim 1 has been amended to more concisely define the invention and to overcome the examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, claims 2, 3, 5 and 9 have been amended to better define the intended subject matter, claim 7 has been canceled, and claim 20 has been added to alternatively define the invention. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Benrube, and she has stated that claims 2-19 contain allowable subject matter.

Benrube discloses a design for pants wherein right and left outer panels are connected together along a center seam and are respectively connected to right and left inner panels to form right and left legs, the seams extending from the lower edge of the legs on the front and back of the pants to points at the front (abdomen) and rear (buttock) of the pants. There are no right and left rear panels which extend from a waistline to a lower edge of the right and left legs (see applicants' amended claim 1) or pleats as defined in applicants' new claim 20.

The examiner's prior art rejection should be withdrawn and all claims allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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